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REMARKS

In the patent application, claims 18-22 are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the pending claims are grouped into three groups:

Group I: claims 18 and 19;
Group II: claims 18 and 20; and
Group III: claims 18, 21 and 22.

The Examiner states that Applicant is required to elect one of the groups for examination purposes. The Examiner further states that if claim 18 as originally filed is part of the elected group and determined to be patentable, rejoinder of claims 18-22 will be considered.

Applicant elects Group I (claims 18 and 19) for examination purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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